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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 12, 17-20 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6 and 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17-20 and 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Ex Parte Quayle

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim Objections

1. Claims 17-20 and 24 are objected to because of the following informalities:

With respect to claim 17, in lines 1-2, replace "An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to" with --An article comprising computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions that enabling a processor-based system to--.

With respect to claim 18, in lines 1-2, replace "The article of claim 17 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system" with --The article of claim 17 wherein the computer readable medium further encoded with computer executable instructions that enabling the processor-based system--.

With respect to claim 19, in lines 1-2, replace "The article of claim 17 further storing instructions that enable said system" with --The article of claim 17 wherein the computer readable medium further encoded with computer executable instructions that enabling said system--.

With respect to claim 20, in lines 1-2, replace "The article of claim 17 further storing instructions" with --The article of claim 17 wherein the computer readable medium further encoded with computer executable instructions that enabling said system--.

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With respect to claim 24, in line 1, replace "The system of claim 12 including an add-in card coupled to said system" with --The system of claim 12 wherein the add-in card coupled to said system--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 6, and 12 are allowed. Claims 17 through 20 contain the allowable subject matter but are objected for minor informalities. Claim 24 depends on claim 12, it is also allowed. However, claim 24 is objected for minor informalities.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest writing information into the configuration spaces of the integrated component and add-in card if the identifiers match, as specified in independent claims 1, 12, and 17.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

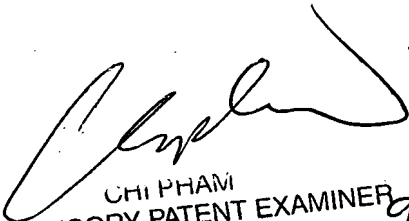
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H. Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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